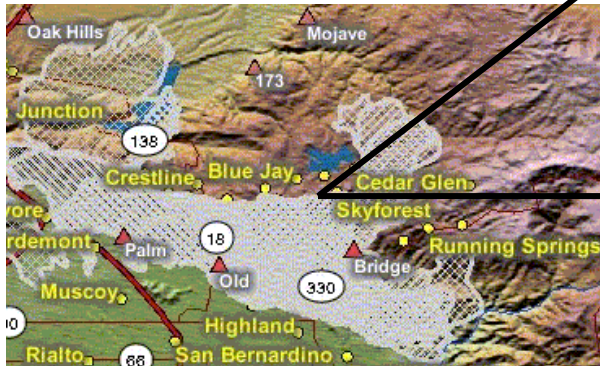
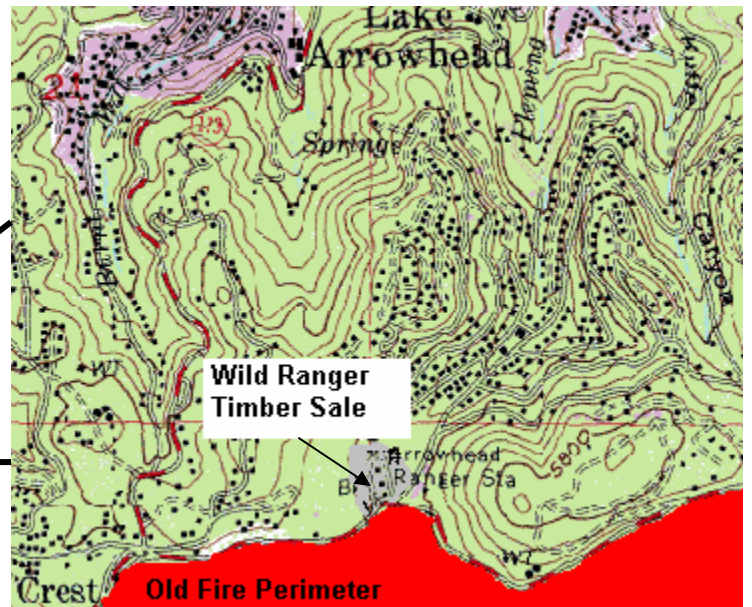


The Wild Ranger Timber Sale



Perimeter of the Old Fire



Sky Forest Ranger
District Office

Sky Forest RD Photo 1

The Wild Ranger Timber Sale was initiated in June, 2003 and removed 500,000 board feet of dead timber in 10 acres around the Sky Forest Ranger District Office Compound.

Sky Forest RD Photo 2



The Wild Ranger Timber Sale was initiated during the first week of June, 2003 and encompassed 10 acres directly adjacent to the Sky Forest Ranger District Office. The objective of this treatment was to open up the tree canopy by partially removing the dead over story of large diameter pines while thinning the understory of brush and small diameter trees. The project removed 500,000 board feet of dead timber that was sold as is, or otherwise treated under a service contract which involved chipping the material using a whole tree chipper. The removal and modification of the smaller diameter understory material in and around the ranger station compound was accomplished through the use of agency force account as well as Hotshot crews.

Once again with the area cleaned up and fuel loadings reduced around the ranger station, firefighters were allowed to proceed faster in their race to fire out from Highway 18 which was one of the last major lines of defense against the Old Fire's onslaught of late October, 2003. This treatment also allowed fire suppression resources to be freed up for other critical assignments in the area.

Fuels treatments like the one that was initiated around the Sky Forest Ranger District Office Compound on the San Bernardino NF served to save critical structures and provide firefighters with "anchor points" in which to conduct tactical operations during the Old Fire.

Sky Forest RD Photo2



Sky Forest RD Photo 3



Fuel Modification by Chipping around Sky Forest District Office

Sky Forest RD Photo 4



Sky Forest RD
Photo 5